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INCREASE IN ESI PENSION
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the partly amount given as Employees State Insurance (ESI)Pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for payment of such a small amount; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-payment of annual increment to ESI pensioners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The ESI Corporation does not pay Pension to the beneficiaries of the Scheme. However, the ESI Corporation makes the periodical payments of Permanent Disablement Benefit to those employees who sustain employment injury during the course of employment and out of employment according to loss of their earning capacity assessed by the Medical Board.

The eligible dependants of those employees are also paid periodical payments of Dependants' Benefit based on average daily wages drawn by the deceased employee who dies due to employment injury.

The ESI Corporation has been granting increase in the Permanent Disablement Benefit/Dependants' Benefit rates due to erosion in the real value on the basis of Actuarial calculations. The periodical increase have been granted earlier on 01.10.1977, 01.04.1980, 01.01.1987, 01.01.1989, 01.01.1992, 01.01.1993, 01.04.1995, 01.08.1997, 01.08.1999 and 01.08.2002. The ESI Corporation has again enhanced the rates of Permanent Disablement Benefit/Dependants' Benefit on 18.12.2007 giving effect from 01.08.2005.